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'BORIS ISLAND' PLAN SUNK

Airport proposal rejected

By Charles Thomson

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PLANS for an airport in the Thames Estuary have been turned down.

The Airports Commission this week rejected 'Boris Island' - Tory London mayor Boris Johnson's plan to build a 'hub airport' off of the Isle of Grain in Kent.

The Government body said the scheme was too expensive and would cause so much environmental damage that it could be impossible to mitigate. It also warned that the estuary's wildlife population increased the 'risk of birdstrike', which would have 'unfavourable' implications for passengers.

Sir Howard Davies, chair of the Airports Commission, said even the most basic version of Boris's plans would have cost taxpayers up to £60billion.

He said: "There are serious doubts about the delivery and operation of a very large hub airport in the estuary. The economic disruption would be

huge and there are environmental hurdles which it may prove impossible, or very time-consuming, to surmount.

"Even the least ambitious version of the scheme would cost almost £70billion - £90billion, with much greater public expenditure than involved in other options - probably some £30billion - £60billion in total. More ambitious schemes would cost considerably more."

Southend, Thurrock and Essex councils had all vocally opposed the plans.

Local fishermen said the development would damage their businesses, while politicians said it would generate congestion, noise and pollution.

Thurrock Council leader John Kent (Lab) voiced concerns about environmental damage, saying the development would jeopardise the protected habitats of local wildlife, including 300,000 migrating birds.

Southend Tory MP David Amess said in 2012 that he and 'an overwhelming majority' of Essex and Kent MPs were 'totally opposed' to the plans.

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Ambulance response times under scrutiny



Chief executive Anthony Marsh has pledged to counter delays

AMBULANCE response times for 'immediately life-threatening' incidents missed targets in five of the first seven months of 2014.

Average response times to the 'R2 calls', which include breathing difficulties and serious strokes, have increased across Essex since 2010.

East of England Ambulance Service guidance states at least 75 per cent of R2 calls should be responded to within eight minutes, but average response times were over eight minutes in March, April, May, June and July of this year.

An East of England

Ambulance Service spokesman said: "Simply put, we need more frontline staff and more ambulances to reach people more quickly and help improve patient outcomes. Demand and resourcing is the biggest factor."

The service said chief executive Dr Anthony Marsh, who joined in January, had committed to recruiting 400 student paramedics in 2014/15, maximising clinical staff, speeding up replacements of ambulances and equipment and reinvesting back office money into frontline services.

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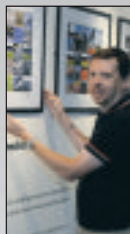
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'Boris Island'

From front page

Essex Council leader David Finch (Con) welcomed the news. He said: "I am pleased that Sir Howard Davies has finally ruled out the Boris Island plan, which has always been pie in the sky."

"The Government needs to focus on sensible growth at airports like Stansted and Southend while investing in the Heathrow hub we know the UK economy needs."

Boris Johnson blasted the decision as 'myopic'.

He said: "Gatwick is not a long-term solution and Howard Davies must explain to the people of London how he can possible envisage that an expansion of Heathrow, which would create unbelievable levels of noise, blight and pollution, is a better idea than a new airport to the east of London that he himself admits is visionary and which would create the jobs and growth this country needs to remain competitive."

"It remains the only credible solution, any process that fails to include it renders itself pretty much irrelevant and I'm absolutely certain that this is the option that will eventually be chosen."

Sir Howard said: "There will be those who argue that the commission lacks ambition and imagination. We are ambitious for the right solution. The need for additional capacity is urgent."

"We need to focus on solutions which are deliverable, affordable and set the right balance for the right balance for the future of aviation in the UK."

Council joins campaign

By Charles Thomson

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CASTLE POINT Council will create four apprenticeships as part of a Yellow Advertiser campaign.

The jobs will be the first apprentice positions the authority has ever offered. The council created them as part of the YA's '100 Apprentices in 100 Days' campaign.

Castle Point has joined Basildon Council to support the scheme, which last year exceeded its target by almost 50 per cent, spurring 71 local companies to create 101 new positions and recruiting 144 young people into apprenticeships.

Norman Smith (Con), responsible for the council's links to local businesses, said the authority would also introduce campaign partner LifeSkills to members of its business group.

LifeSkills operations director Leon Bernasconi has also been invited to



appear at a guest speaker at a council business forum.

Cllr Smith said: "We think this is an excellent idea. We are committed to creating a minimum of four apprenticeships. We don't know where the positions will be offered yet. We have so many departments, from leisure services to planning, the legal side."

"We have invited LifeSkills to our business forum. We want to open it up for discussion. We feel this is a really good news story because it's the youngsters who are finding it hard to find jobs."

"We can provide four or

five out of the 100 positions you're looking for. We also have mailing lists of all the people who have ever attended our business forum. I think businesses out there need to know the cost to them isn't as great as they may think."

Council leader Colin Riley (Con) said: "Not everyone these days can or indeed wants to go to university to Castle Point Council is delighted to be working with LifeSkills and the Yellow Advertiser in this great campaign, opening up apprenticeships for those who wish to take advantage of them."

"We will be making a minimum of four apprenticeships available within the council and Cllr Norman Smith, cabinet member for business, will be talking to all of our business contacts in an attempt to get the number of positions available up to ten."

"I want to thank both LifeSkills and the YA for

their efforts and hope that the growth of this magnificent scheme will continue year-on-year."

LifeSkills said last month the campaign was making 'fantastic progress', with almost a quarter of the 100 apprentices recruited before exam results had even been sent out.

The campaign aims to recruit 16 - 18-year-olds into sectors including business admin, hospitality, customer service, retail and warehousing. Apprenticeships combine learning with first-hand work experience and all focus heavily on English and maths.

LifeSkills is particularly successful at helping young people to qualify and find work, with 98 per cent of apprentices remaining employed after completing their courses.

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Gallery hosts historic swimwear display

AN exhibition of swimwear is being held at the newly opened Beecroft Art Gallery.

The show has been curated by Anne Wise who will also be holding fashion illustration workshops at the gallery.

The workshops will be held on Saturday, September 6, between 2pm and 4pm.

It will give people the chance to learn the techniques of creative figure drawing for fashion design.

The exhibition called Beauty and the Beach is a collection of iconic bathing suits from the 1940s to the 1960s.

Councillor for enterprise, tourism and economic development, Graham Longley, said it was great to have an expert curate the exhibition.

He said: "The Beecroft is already proving very popular in its new location in Victoria Avenue."

"There has been a steady stream of visitors since it opened, and we look forward to the gallery's continuing success as even more exhibitions are installed there."



BEAUTY AND THE BEACH: the Beecroft Art Gallery is hosting a swimwear display Photo by Mark Cleveland

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Police look into assault

DETECTIVES investigating an assault in Leigh want to hear from anyone with information about an attack that took place in London Road.

A 34 year old man was walking along the road at 11.50pm, on Friday, August 22, when he saw a man and a woman arguing.

He attempted to intervene in the argument and was then assaulted from behind by what he believes were two other people.

He was knocked unconscious and when he came round he found that he had also suffered a single stab wound to his side.

The victim was taken to Southend Hospital for treatment to the injuries and released later the following day.

Investigating officer, detective Alex Deacon, explained the victim didn't see who attacked him.

Mr Deacon said: "The man and the woman who were arguing are described as a black male, 5ft 8in tall, of a skinny build, aged in his 20s and holding a dark coloured mountain bike, while the woman was white, in her 20s with blonde hair.

"This happened close to Iceland on London Road and if anyone has any information that could assist me I would like to ask them to call me." Mr Deacon can be contacted at Southend CID on 101.



PROJECT: Children enjoy a meal at the Jungle Jive cafe in Adventure Island

Photo by Mark Cleveland

Partnership rounds off summer events

THE Milton Community Partnership has rounded off its summer season of events.

The organisation took families to the Jungle Jive Cafe, in Adventure Island, for a meal to end its pro-

gramme of events.

Suzanne Barwell, from the Milton Community Partnership, said the programme of free events had been a success.

She said: "We have been going for

picnics in Southchurch Park and on the beaches of Southend.

"Everyone has had a really nice time over the summer holidays and we have given people the opportunity to socialise and meet new people."

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Inquest into body under jetty

AN INQUEST has been opened into the death of a Chelmsford man in May 2014.

James Bond, 37, of Woodhouse Lane, was found dead under a jetty near the High Street in Old Leigh on May 11.

The court heard on Tuesday that he was found following an 'extensive search' after he went missing.

A police probe determined there were 'no suspicious circumstances'.

Coroner Caroline Beasley-Murray heard a 'quantity of medication' had been found next to his body – but that toxicology tests had failed to ascertain his cause of death.

She told staff to list the matter for a final inquest hearing 'as soon as possible'.

Free advice at business briefing

SOUTHEND Business Partnership is hosting a free event on Tuesday, September 23, to help local firms grow.

This special briefing will take place from 9am until 12pm at the Tickfield Centre, Tickfield Avenue, Southend, and will include vital solutions on how to improve sales processes to win more business.

This session is supported by Southend Council and is being delivered by Pro-Actions UK.

Councillor for enterprise, tourism and economic development, Graham Longley said: "This is a great opportunity for the owners of local businesses to get the benefit of specific targeted advice for free."

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UNIQUE: Photographer David Shields has photographed stadiums around the country
Photo by Martin Dalton

Stadiums go on show

A UNIQUE exhibition of photos of football stadiums is being held in the Beecroft Gallery.

Photographer David Shields, from Leigh, started by pho-

tographing Roots Hall stadium and has since been around the country getting access to stadiums to photograph.

He said: "It really evolved from doing Roots Hall the

clubs have great and each stadium is individual to itself."

The exhibition in the Beecroft Gallery, in Victoria Avenue, Southend will run until December.

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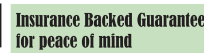
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Nostalgia surrounds restored bomber

FLIGHT Sergeant Allen West, 85, made a nostalgic trip to the restored Vulcan Bomber at Southend Airport.

He had been in charge of aircraft servicing with more than 2,000 flying hours to his credit – some of them on this Vulcan, which has been lovingly restored by a local charity.

“This was the first Vulcan I worked on, before he moved onto the famous 617 squadron known as the Dambusters,” he said.

Mr West lives in Sittingbourne in Kent and made the trip to Southend with his family.

He was one of more than 500 visitors who came to see the magnificent plane.

The not-so-young enthusiasts were joined by children who had to be helped up the ladder into the cockpit.

Other visitors included Madeleine Newton of Rochford – who needed a photo of this Vulcan for her brother in Tasmania – and Tom and Laura Sellers with their children Jake, 7 and Ellie, 6, of Rayleigh who ‘just love the Vulcan’.

The next open day is on Sunday, September 21 from 10 am to 4pm, tickets cost £3 for adults with children under 16 free plus an extra £2.50 to climb into the Vulcan cockpit to hear all about the aircraft in its operational role.

The Vulcan Restoration Trust, which maintains the plane also offers souvenirs to but to support its efforts.



RESTORED: Clive and Lorraine West, Matt Lawrence, the Vulcan Restoration Trust's chief engineer, with Allan and Betty West

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Dog attack

A WOMAN has been left needing hospital treatment after she was bitten by a dog that was attacking her own dog.

She was injured when she was walking her dog in Milton Road, Westcliff, at 4.40pm, on Saturday, August 16.

The 19-year-old was walking along the road when a light brown dog, believed to be a Staffordshire bull terrier or similar breed, ran towards them. Her dog was attacked and she was bitten on her hand trying to fight off the other animal.

The owner of the terrier is described as being in her 20s and about 5ft 5in tall.

She had shoulder length black hair and was wearing a white vest and grey tracksuit bottoms.

Any witnesses or anyone who can identify the woman should contact Pc Terry Wilson at Southend Police station on 101.

Police seek drivers

POLICE are investigating the circumstances surrounding a collision in Southend where a pensioner was left with serious injuries.

The 77 year old woman from Southend was taken to the Royal London Hospital where she is in a critical condition.

She was in collision with a lorry on Sutton Road, on Friday, August 29, at 1pm.

Officers want to speak to the drivers of three vehicles who could be potential witnesses. These are a white transit van with signwriting travelling towards Rochford.

They would also like to speak to the driver of a white box van with a tail lift travelling towards Southend and a white transit van travelling towards Southend.

The driver of this vehicle stopped and went to the scene and had dark hair and was wearing a white t-shirt. Anybody with information should contact the Serious Collisions Investigation Unit at Essex Police on 101 quoting incident 447 of August 29.

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Sharon from Rethink Mental Illness and Kate from the Samaritans on the the 4 in1 stall in Southend High Street Photo by Mark Cleveland

Campaign offers help from market stall

A PARTNERSHIP of mental health organisations have been reaching out to the community to offer them help.

The One in Four campaign is a collection of different organisations who were last week offering help to

people in Southend High Street, from a market stall.

The One in Four campaign aims to promote positive mental health through public awareness. It is also based on tackling the existing stigma related to mental health.

Kate, from the One in Four campaign said the event had gone well.

She said: "We managed to give a lot of information to people that may not have got that any other way. "There is still a stigma attached to mental health issues especially with

men they seem to find it hard to talk about.

"We were handing out stress dots that change colour according to the persons mood.

"It was great it really added an interactive aspect with the public."

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YARBOMB: Emmy and Mika Yoshikawa, on the bridge which crosses the pom-pom stream

Splash of colour from Craft Club

A MAGICAL yarnbomb has been officially unveiled at Little Havens Hospice after months of crocheting and support from hundreds of people worldwide.

Local group known as The Craft Club created a total of 13,388 crocheted items based on Enid Blyton's classic children's tale The Magic Faraway Tree.

The yarnbomb was created with the help of 300 local people and donations of yarn coming as far afield as Japan, USA and Australia.

Four foot tall characters from the book including Silky the

fairy, Moonface and Saucepan Man now stand in the grounds of the hospice next to hundreds of crocheted flowers, mushrooms and rabbits.

Jane Harwood, play specialist at Little Havens said the yarnbomb was simply stunning.

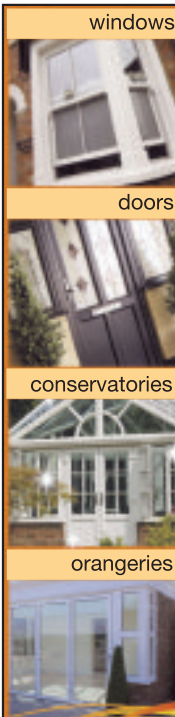
She said: "All the children and families have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the gardens and discovering all of the creations in the garden, some of which they helped to create themselves."

"The Magic Faraway Tree is a classic story that many of our children have read and the care team also remember well from

their childhoods so it has been amazing to see the book coming to life in our gardens.

"I would like to thank The Craft Club for their endless hours of hard work, particularly when they were out in the rain installing the yarnbomb, as well as everybody who has contributed to this project in some way."

"I know it means a lot to our families that so many people have been thinking of them during the creation of the yarnbomb and we can't wait to show it off to more children and families staying with us over the next few weeks."



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Details of misconduct by coroner withheld

EXCLUSIVE

By Charles Thomson

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A PUBLIC body has refused to release details of 'misconduct' committed by the Essex chief coroner.

The Judicial Conduct Investigations Office (JCIO) withheld basic details of a ruling against Caroline Beasley-Murray, claiming they were 'personal information'.

The (JCIO) ruled in May that Ms Beasley-Murray had improperly delayed an inquest and failed to keep 'interested parties' notified about the case. 'Interested parties' include the deceased person's loved ones and witnesses in the case.

The Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chief Justice concluded that her actions had amounted to 'misconduct' and gave her an official warning.

But the JCIO refused to answer questions about the case, such as how the coroner had delayed the inquest, why it believed she had done so and why it concluded that this amounted to misconduct.

Coroners services nationally are under increasing pressure to deal with more cases with increasingly limited resources.

It also refused to answer questions about whether it had investigated or sanctioned the coroner in the past.

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RULING: The JCIO has withheld information about misconduct committed by coroner Caroline Beasley-Murray

requested the information under Freedom of Information in June.

The JCIO finally wrote to the YA last week saying it would not release the answers to questions because the answers constituted 'personal information'.

The JCIO said it would be 'unfair' to disclose the information and that it was 'confidential'.

The YA has appealed against the decision. It told the JCIO: "Ms Beasley-Murray, when performing her duties as Essex coroner, does not act in a personal capacity. She is there on the taxpayers' time, serving taxpayers. Nothing she does in her capacity as coroner can be reasonably described as personal."

"It is also ridiculous to suggest that the information could be considered confidential,

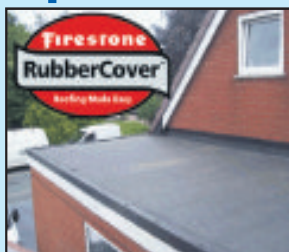
when this investigation has been funded by taxpayers and carried out in the public interest."

The YA exclusively revealed in June that Ms Beasley-Murray had received the warning over her conduct in the inquest of Edward Gillespie, 38, of Rosslyn Crescent, Luton.

Mr Gillespie's body was recovered from water at Roydon Marina Village, Harlow, on January 26, 2013. He had gone missing from an office Christmas party at the Roydon Marina Hotel on December 21, 2012.

In a statement issued in June, the coroner's office blamed the delayed inquest on witnesses and insisted the family was now happy with the coroner's conduct, but said the coroner would not be challenging the misconduct ruling.

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Many people had a negative

association with the building and the area surrounding it that had attracted a lot of anti-social behaviour.

The council now believe the building being demolished has improved the area while providing more town centre parking for visitors.

The authority also hopes it will add to increased revenue for the increasing budgets the council face.

Leader of the council, Ron Woodley, said he was pleased the car park was going to

open before the Christmas shopping season.

He said: "It is a good use of the land and I am pleased to see it being used to provide more car parking for our residents, businesses and visitors."

"This area will be used as a car park until any future plans for regeneration of the Queensway area are carried out."

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Opinion and readers' letters

Held to account over floods

THE public in the packed gallery for the August 26 special scrutiny meeting about the recent flooding on Canvey and parts of the mainland were in an angry and distressed mood as they listened to officers and councillors.

They heard that the preventative work was split between multiple agencies and in many cases, was inadequate or simply not done. The chief executive, David Marchant, stated that Castle Point had no-one employed to check whether the various agencies were doing what they should.

Armed with advice from the Shadow Communities Minister, I wrote to Mr Marchant eight days earlier with a list of five questions, some of which have now been answered by the head of environment.

Trudy Bragg says that following the Pitt Review in 2007, the subsequent Flood and Water Management Act of 2010 created the role of Lead Local Flood Authorities. In Essex, this is the County Council and our local enforcement powers for dealing with obstructed water courses have been transferred to them. They are also the Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) Approval Body, meant to ensure responsible planning approvals.

County has the co-ordinating role and arranges meetings of the Essex Flood Partnership which includes all the flood risk management agencies in Essex, to "ensure a joined up approach".

The overwhelming impression in the public gallery was that there was much buck passing, talk and meetings but not enough decisive action.

I asked why Castle Point applied the punitive empty properties council tax to residents in disaster distress when this was originally designed to free up vacant properties.

It seems that current policy is that this should be covered by insurance but I hope they can be persuaded to have a rethink.

Given the County Council's record of "First do most harm" as with the Deanes School issue, street lighting, potholes, youth services cuts and elderly care etc, we will need to hold them to account in South Essex more than we did after the previous floods!

Joe Cooke
Labour Prospective
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Traffic mess

IT is all fine that Cllr Gilbert offers to wave an election inspired wand over St Laurence traffic issues but his transport colleague refuses any consultation....oh dear what a mess!

Cllr Mark Flewitt
Leigh on Sea

Deciding their own destiny

THERE is a tendency among of many of us living in southern England to think of the Scots as strange northerners who talk funny. Whereas Scotland is a nation seemingly more at ease with itself and more united than we English.

I could be wrong. Maybe they're just the same as us. Maybe like us, they obsess about house prices, social status and taxation. But I envy them.

Unlike we English, Scots have the opportunity to decide their own destiny. As the proponents of the 'Yes' campaign insist, a yes vote will mean that they will never again be ruled by a government in a foreign country.

I think that's putting it a bit strong, but to many Scots it's a valid opinion. Think what they could achieve if they put their mind to it. A brand spanking shiny new country.

A victory for the 'Yes' group may mean a Scotland flowing with milk and honey, which I doubt, but the ramifications in England could be dire. The Conservative Party has one Scottish seat in the Westminster Parliament to lose but Labour stand to lose 41, together with six SNP seats.

The arithmetic tells us that the Tories will be in power for an awfully long time.

Government by a permanent squirarchy of public school-boys from English southern counties doesn't exactly fill me with joy.

This Conservative hegemony, given the virulent right wing policies currently in vogue within the party, will plunge us into a dystopian world of extremes. I predict the outright privatisation of the NHS, the end of public service broadcasting and a further widening of the gap between rich and poor.

If I were a Scot, I would probably vote for independence but as I am English, I hope to God that Scotland doesn't.

Mike Ochiltree
Benfleet

Niche work if you can get it

AS I am sure you are aware, there have been many surveys into the future of the high street and retail trade. The general consensus is that online shopping will dominate the future and that town centres will have a different function.

In Basildon, the need is not for more shops, but for more housing. There are acres of wasted space in the town centre, both in the empty shops and on the floors above. In redeveloping the area concerned is it not possible to capitalise on the ground space by building multi-storeyed apartments with small, specialist retail outlets below?

The entrepreneurs of the district could offer niche market services which are not easily available elsewhere and are too specialised to be bought online. Affordable business rates would have to be offered to make this a viable proposition.

The area outside the vacant Post Office building lends itself to becoming a pleasant plaza-type space where an internet cafe could be established. There will be many local IT and catering students available to hone their skills. This would combine local training for some of our young people whilst offering an internet service and meeting place for those without access to these facilities.

Eastgate is earmarked for development. For the council to offer parallel services would be a dreadful waste of our money and add nothing to the

nature of our town centre. Having a large residential presence would bring life to a space which, at present, becomes deserted and unused after the shops close.

Finally, I hope in the midst of all this excitement about taking Basildon into the future, that you will turn your attention to the abysmal state of the Laindon Centre. That is really long overdue for a makeover.

Chris Rutherford
Basildon

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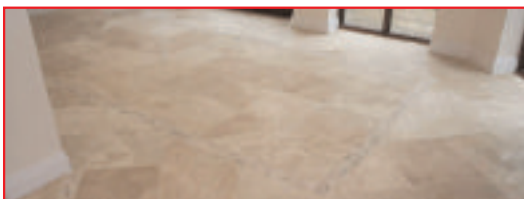
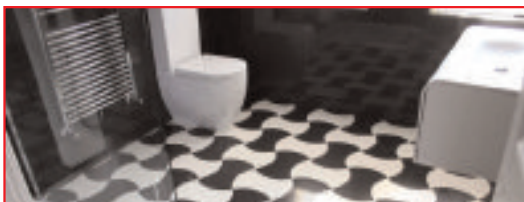
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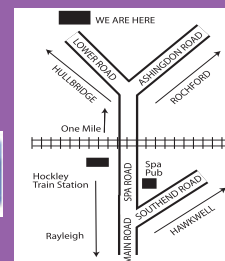
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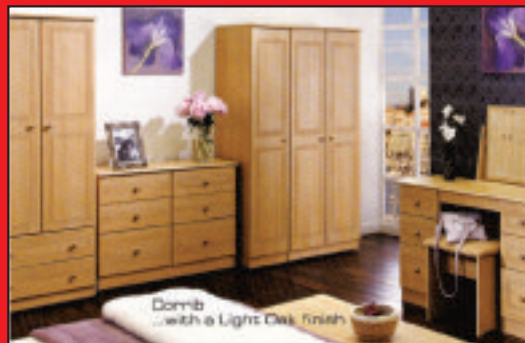
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ESSEX Police has changed the way it will be working across the county. Each of the ten policing districts will now have a team of officers responsible for responding to and investigating crime under the name of Local Policing Teams.

They will work from local stations and have a 24-hour response seven days a week to incidents.

The changes will see 500 officers being put under the control of police commanders in each area instead of being co-ordinated from a central base.

The reorganisation recognises the importance of local polic-

ing, accountability to communities and a stronger understanding of local issues.

Each of the hubs will be headed by a local inspector who will be responsible for working with partnership organisations to tackle local problems like anti social behaviour and drug and alcohol abuse.

Chief constable Stephen Kavanagh said local policing is at the heart of how he wants to see the counties force evolve.

He said: "The changes we are making demonstrate our commitment to local policing."

"The development of local teams, supported by the new

policing hubs, recognise the fact that communities want officers with good local knowledge who really understand their local issues."

Nick Alston, police and crime commissioner for Essex Police said he welcomed the new localised model of policing.

Mr Alston said: "I'm pleased that Essex Police has been consulting widely with local stakeholders about these plans."

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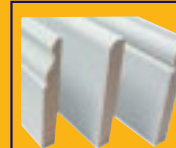
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By **LIZ WADE**

HAVING already delighted and frightened audiences across the country, Peter James' best-selling novel – The Perfect Murder – is now embarking on an extended tour this autumn.

Back in October 2012, Peter and theatre producer, Joshua Andrews, met to discuss the idea of taking his best selling books on the stage and in January this year a nation wide tour of The Perfect Murder began.

Following a fantastic reaction from across

the country, from Bath to Glasgow, Peter and Josh are now thrilled to be extending the tour this autumn.

The Perfect Murder, the novel of which spent 15 weeks at number one and remained in the iBook Top 10 for 50 weeks, stars Robert Daws and Dawn Steele, and kicks off at Canterbury Marlowe Theatre on September 2, calling into Palace Theatre, Southend, from Monday to Saturday, September 8 to 13.

The Perfect Murder, which has been adapted by award winning writer Shaun McKenna,

tells the story of Victor Smiley and his wife Joan who have been married for a long time.

As their marriage has reached crisis point, Victor decides there is only one way to get Joan out of his life forever... but he's about to get a nasty surprise.

As a young detective Roy Grace starts to investigate his very first homicide case, dark forces intervene and Grace begins to fear that nothing is quite as it seems in this entertaining dark comedy thriller.

Olivier Award winner Ian Talbot directs an all-star company in the autumn re-casting of The

Perfect Murder, including Robert Daws, Dawn Steele, Gray O'Brien and Thomas Howes.

Having donned his white coat for eight series of ITV's 1960's hospital drama The Royal, Robert Daws, best-known to millions as Dr Gordon Ormerod, will play Victor Smiley.

While Robert's extensive TV credits have also seen him appear on screen as Sam Mountjoy in Roger Roger, Tuppy Glossop in Jeeves and Wooster and Roger Dervish in the award-winning Outside Edge, he is no stranger to the stage as his theatre credits

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BEFORE I GO TO SLEEP (15, 92 mins)

THERE has been a rich harvest of taut thrillers in 2014, including the independent American features Blue Ruin and Cold In July and gritty British films Locke and Starred Up.

With David Fincher's adaptation of Gone Girl looming on the horizon, this is undoubtedly a year when audiences will catch themselves returning to filthy habits and furiously biting their nails in the dark of an unbearably tense cinema.

Before I Go To Sleep is guaranteed to jangle nerves and drop a few jaws as summer mellows into autumn.

Based on SJ Watson's bestselling novel, this ingenious thriller places us in exactly the same hellish predicament as the heroine, who wakes up each morning without any memory of the past, including her own identity.

Through the eyes of this terrified wife, we absorb scraps of information from supposedly reliable sources and try to piece together the truth, unsure if writer-director

Rowan Joffe is leading us a merry, sadistic dance.

Following a car accident, 47-year-old Christine Lucas (Nicole Kidman) is diagnosed with anterograde amnesia.

Each morning, she wakes in a strange bed next to a man she does not know and creeps into the adjacent bathroom where a series of photographs on the wall begin to fill in the blanks, letting her know that the man is her husband Ben (Colin Firth) and they have shared many happy years together.

"You store up information for a day, wake up, and it's all gone," explains Ben, whose love for his wife holds strong.

He leaves for work and Christine continues to learn about her past from information in the house.

Then she receives a mysterious telephone call from someone called Dr Nash (Mark Strong), who instructs her to look in the wardrobe.

"We've been keeping a video diary. I'm not sure Ben knows," confides the medic.

The subsequent footage casts

doubt on the facts that underpin Christine's fragile existence.

"Don't trust anyone!" whispers Christine to herself in the video diary, tears glistening in her eyes.

As Christine reconnects with Claire (Anne-Marie Duff), who is supposedly her best friend, contradictory testimonies drive her to the brink of insanity.

Before I Go To Sleep drip-feeds us fragmented flashbacks, clouding our judgement of characters as they orbit Christine, purportedly out of love.

Kidman captures the fragility of a woman at the mercy of her condition, who knows she must stare into the abyss before sleep robs her of a day's detective work.

Firth and Strong offer sterling support and Joffe cranks up the tension masterfully with each hairpin twist.

The guessing game of who to trust is part of the film's diabolical appeal and the script engineers some wonderful bluffs until a gasp-inducing big reveal that should have audiences teetering precariously on the edge of their seats.

Released: September 5
RATING: 8/10

Stage

Murder most perfect at the Palace

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include The Secret of Sherlock Holmes and Public Property in the West End and UK tours of Michael Frayn's Alarms and Excursions and David Harrower's Blackbird, the later of which also starred Dawn Steele.

Dawn, who has starred in numerous hit TV series including the BBC's Monarch of the Glen, Sea of Souls and ITV's Wild at Heart in which she played the hugely popular character of Alice Collins, has also appeared in her fair share of theatre productions with credits including the lead role in The Agatha Christie Company's production of Verdict and Dawn, and starring in Noel Coward's previously undiscovered Volcano in both the West End and on tour.

The autumn run of The Perfect Murder also sees the return of Gray O'Brien who continues his highly acclaimed role as the loveable Don

Kirk. Gray recently enjoyed an award-winning three years in Coronation Street and has also starred in the TV series Titanic, Peak Practice and Casualty as well as in the West End in Sleuth.

Another familiar face is Thomas Howes who played the much loved character of William the footman in Downton Abbey, for which he won a Screen Actors Guild Award. Thomas' theatre credits also include The Winslow Boy and the National Theatre Production of The History Boys.

Joining them is Romanian born Simona Armstrong, who the British public took to their hearts when she was discovered in the BBC's How do You Solve a Problem Like Maria, who also continues her excellent run in the role of Kamila.

Commenting on the first stage adaptation of his work, Peter James, said: "Ever since I was a small boy when my parents first took me to

the theatre, I dreamed of one day having something I wrote appear on stage and this wonderful, extremely funny - and in parts very scary - adaptation of The Perfect Murder is a dream come true.

"I am thrilled by the wonderful universal reaction the play has received from both fans of my books but also from those who have not read me before and once again I could not have hoped for a more perfect, murderously good cast, with which to continue this incredible run of The Perfect Murder on stage."

Peter James and Joshua Andrews' next production - a stage adaptation of Peter's best-selling novel Dead Simple, will also tour the UK from January 2015.

*For further information and tickets for The Perfect Murder, which will be at Palace Theatre, Southend, from September 8 to 13, call the Box Office on 01702 351135 or visit www.southendtheatres.org.uk

Liz at Large

YA features reporter Liz Wade goes out and about with her boys



Make the most of country shows

If you want to make the most of the last of the summer then you are spoilt for choice with two fantastic country shows this month.

On Saturday, September 6, The Orsett Show – one of the oldest one-day country shows in England – will offer something for all the family across its 30-acre show ground.

This, its 108th show, will be packed with everything from horticulture and agriculture, to hobbies and handicrafts, and guarantees a great day out for all the family. What's more, this year's show will be fantastic value for money as kids under 16 go free when accompanied by a full paying adult.

Last year's show attracted a massive 12,000 visitors and this year's event, which runs from 9am to 7pm, looks set to be just as popular thanks to a host of things to see and do.

Throughout the day you can wander around marquees featuring horticulture, agriculture, hobbies and handicrafts, schools' displays and craft stalls. There will also be more than 100 trade stands around the show ground, events throughout the day in the

horse rings and a programme of entertainment in the Grand Display Ring. Entertainment in the ring kicks off at noon and includes a grand parade, horse and hounds, displays from the Imperial Bird of Prey Academy, the Royal British Legion Band and Corps of Drums from Romford, the Essex K9 dog display team, and James Dylan's Stuntworld motorbike display team.

The following weekend, on Saturday and Sunday, September 13 and 14, it's the Essex Country Show at Barleylands in Billericay, the largest country show in the south east.

From its humble beginning as an Essex farming family's informal gathering of a few steam engines, the Essex Country is now in its 28th year, attracting an average of 35,000 visitors over the weekend.

Alongside its usual attractions showcasing agricultural history and rural crafts, this year's show will also see the addition of monster trucks crushing cars in the main arena and appearances by Peppa Pig.



VINTAGE: Steam engines at Orsett Show

There will also be lots of fun for all the family with fairground rides including a vintage horse carousel and a 60ft Ferris wheel, Punch and Judy shows, helicopter rides and zorbing, as well as a whole host of things to see including heavy horses ploughing up the land and pulling fire engines, a collection of steam engines

including the beautifully painted Showman's Engine, monstrous ploughing engines, more than 60 model steam engines, and more than 300 classic cars.

You can also see demonstrations showcasing the skills of yesteryear, from boat building and blacksmiths to barrel making and spoon carving, and

try a range of sweet and savoury goods from speciality pies to vintage cheeses.

● For further information about the Orsett Show visit www.orsettshow.co.uk or for further details about the Essex Country Show visit www.barleylands.co.uk/essex-country-show

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Saturday, September 6

- Transmission Meditation Workshop, Helliwell Room, Forum Library, Southend. 10am-11.30, free admission.
- SEE Branch of the Essex Society for Family History, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milto Road, Westcliff-on-Sea, SS0 7JX. Doors 12.30, Meeting starts 2.30pm. 01702 522992.
- Rayleigh History Walk, 3pm from Rayleigh Windmill, Bellingham Lane, off High St. £2 pp, info: 01268 779328.
- Yugioh Club, you can play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, there are mini tournaments, Saturdays 1.30-4.20pm. 07985 671289.
- Dad's and Kids Club, The Megacentre, Rayleigh, Saturdays 10.30am-1.30pm, free admission, games, activities, arts and crafts, for boys and girls aged 5-17 with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.
- Saturday Morning Club, St Michaels Church Hall, Leigh Road, every Saturday 10am-noon, entertainment provided by choirs, soloists, musicians, refreshments, admission free, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437863.
- Meeting, Brush Strokes Art Group, Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, every Saturday 9.15am-12.15pm, new members welcome. 01277 627043.
- Different Strokes Exercise Class, St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for those who have had a stroke, every Saturday 2.30pm. 01702 612509.
- Jazz Workshop, Southend Jazz Co-op, Hadleigh old Fire Station, Hadleigh every Saturday 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions available).

Sunday, September 7

- Dinner Jazz, Westcliff Hotel, 1pm, 01702 345247.

- Rayleigh Horticultural Society's Autumn Show, The Mill Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh. 2-4.30pm, £1 admission, free parking.
- Chelmsford Jazz Club, Cramphorn Theatre Fairfield Road, Chelmsford, CM1 1JG. 12.15PM-2.30PM, Don Weller & Pete King with the Dave Newton Trio, £14 01245 606505.
- Canvey Miniature Railway Train Rides, situated by Waterside Sport Centre, Sonnes Ave, Canvey Island. SS8 9RA. Running every Sunday until October 12. Open from 10.30am-4pm, choice of two railways, steam and electric locos. Adults and children £1 each ride, all welcome, weather permitting.
- Hookley & District Horticultural Society trading hub, February through October, 10am til 12 noon, for all your gardening sundries, membership £3, behind Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell.
- Jazz, Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz, Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 1pm. 01702 345247.
- Sunday School, Get on Board (No Charge) at The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, every Sunday 11am-noon, age 3-10 years. 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation, Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh, Sundays 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation over tea and biscuits, all welcome.
- King's Church Southend at Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, every Sunday 10.30am-noon. 01702 523639.
- Greek Community of Southend and District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Pauls, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, every Sunday 10am-noon. 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club, TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (children 3-12 years), Bible stories, craft, singing, every Sunday 10.45-11.45am, no charge, further details 01702 554904.
- Mojo Friendship Club, Travellers Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, 11.30am, meet weekly, details Mo 07757 658799.

Monday, September 8

- Jazztet, John Sharpe, Alex Boyle, Oakwood Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 8.30pm 01702 512819.
- Leigh Scrabble Club, 7-10pm. All standards welcome. Welsley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Just turn up or call Peter on 01268 727915.
- George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over 50's. Craft: 10am-12pm, Tai chi:

- Whist 9.45-12.30, 10am-12pm, Art: 12.30-2.30pm, Choir: 2.30-4pm, Indoor bowls: 2-4pm. £2, 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club, Benfleet's No 1 Club, Richmond Hall, Benfleet, meets Mondays 1.30-3.30pm, entertainment, all welcome.
- Southend Christian Counselling Service, do you need to talk, open to all, Mondays 5.30-7.30pm and Thursdays 2-7.30pm, further details call our 24 hour answer machine 01702 335252.
- Over 50's Keep-fit Classes, Fryerns Community Centre, Monday afternoons, further details Pat 01268 770294.
- Over 50's session. Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road. Badminton and Table Tennis 2-4pm. £3.50 includes refreshments and equipment. 01268 773100.
- Activity Session for adults with special needs, (term time only). 10am-12pm. The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £1 per session, carers free.
- Duplicate Bridge, Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opposite Thames Drive), Mondays 1.15pm-4.30pm and Tuesdays 7pm-10.30pm, call Vernon on 01702 343611 or Tony 01702 520993.
- Duplicate Bridge, Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, non-members of all standards welcome, Mondays 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), evenings 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.
- Weekly Craft Workshop, St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, Benfleet, every Monday 6-8pm, further details Michelle 07730 582784.
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- Beginners Computer Course, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Monday, 11am-1pm, 01268 465432.
- Club 60, Southend, various activities every weekday, 9.30-4pm, tea bar, non-members welcome, £2 day pass, details 01702 613562.
- Short Mat Bowls Club in Hadleigh, new hall all mod/cons, 4 mats, Monday and Wednesday evenings welcomes new members, Canvey Short Mat Bowls Club, please ring Kevin on 01268 792433.
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- Indoor Bowls, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over 50s, Mondays 2-4pm, Tuesdays 2.15-4.45pm, Wednesdays 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.
- Whist, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over 50s, every Monday 10am-noon, details 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club, Ghyllgrove Centre, Butneys, every Monday 1.30-3.30pm, make friends, bingo, trips. 01268 293995.
- Pensioners Stall, York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, every Monday and Thursday 8am-2pm.
- Evening of Clairvoyance, Room 2, Paddocks, Long Road, Canvey, every Monday, doors open 7.30pm, admission £3, all profits donated to local charities, healing available after service 9pm, enquiries 01268 691922.
- Healing, every Monday in Basildon from 10.30am-4pm, qualified NFSSH healers, no charge, all donations to local Hospice, call 07956 353564 for an appointment.
- Development Healing Circle, Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, an understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, 8-9.30pm, details 07879 004744.
- Fitness Walking, from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh, every Monday and Thursday 7.15-8.15pm, further details 01702 715509.
- Scrabble Club, Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opposite police station), friendly club, beginners welcome, no partner needed, every Monday 7-10pm, £3 including tea/coffee, just turn up or call 01268 727915.
- Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group, Buttercup Club, St Michael's and All Angels Church, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, Mondays 9.30am and 11am. 01702 712150.

Tuesday, September 9

- Alzheimer's Society, cafe for people living with dementia. Family, carers and professionals, speaker from age concern, come for a cup of tea and a chat, The Balmoral Centre, Salisbury Ave, Westcliff, SS0 7AU, 2-4PM, 01702 345156.
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■ Evening of Clairvoyance, St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, 7.15pm, £2, enquiries Anne 01702 556470.

■ Folk Music, The Hoi at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 'Steve Tilston', 8pm. 01702 715111.

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■ Scrabble Club, meets at Hockley Social Centre (at rear of library) every Tuesday 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, also second Saturday & fourth Saturday of each month 2-5pm. All ages welcome, 01702 205910.

■ Meeting, Ladies Fellowship at the Salvation Army in Hadleigh, Tuesdays 7.30pm, any age, good speakers, chatter, nights, outings, meals out and summer walks, 50p per week or annual subscription, just come along or call 01702 551470.

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■ The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, Yoga: 10-11am, Sit down Yoga: 11.10-12.10, Keep fit: 12-1pm, Line Dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, Chess: 1.30-3.30pm, Craft: 1.30-3.30, 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.

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■ Carpet Bowls, Eastwood Community Centre, top of Morrison's car park, every Tuesday 1.45-3.45pm, (and every Thursday 3.30-5.30pm), no experience necessary, non competitive, £2 per session including tea, joining fee £5, first session free.

■ Bingo and Hoi, Wick Community Centre, Wickford, every Tuesday 1.30-4pm, further details John Clarke 01268 570575.

■ Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Mencap), Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, Tuesdays 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25 plus, £2 per session, membership details 01702 341250.

■ Tuesday Luncheon Club, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, further details 01702 478691/525141/340617.

■ Little Lunchers Activity Club, St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, every Tuesday 11.45am-1.15pm.

■ Vange Tots, The Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, every Tuesday 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks. 01268 498642.

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■ Belvedere Jazz and Music Club, The Chichester Rawreth, Wickford, 8-10.30pm, £10 on door, meals and lite bites from 6.30pm, 07850 007075.

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■ Jazz Circle, every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 8pm, Ekco Clubhouse, Thornfield Garden, this week: Rhythmic Reeds.

■ Art Class, beginners welcome, Leigh Sailing Club, Old Leigh, 10am-12pm, paulalcock43@yahoo.co.uk 01702 615475.

■ The Concord Ladies Club of Rayleigh, meet every Wednesday, 1.30-3pm. Interesting speakers, social afternoons, some outings and a Christmas meals out, are a few of the things they do. New members welcome, at Caley Hall, Crown Hill, Rayleigh, 01268 743240.

■ Leigh Singles Social Club, 45-65's. Meet every Wednesday at Bellini's, London Road, Leigh. Check out our website www.leighsingles.co.uk for further details.

■ Graham's Social Tea Dance, every Wednesday, Richmond Hall, Richmond Ave, Basildon. Afternoon, of Ballroom & Latin and sequence dances for dancers of all abilities. 2-4.25pm, large free car park, strictly over 18's, £4 per person. 01268 752473.

■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50's. Keep fit: 10-11am, Sit down keep fit: 10-11am, Salsa/Ballroom: 11.30am-12.30pm, Sequence Dance: 12.30-1.15pm, Art: 1.30-3.30pm, Indoor bowls: 1.30-3.30pm, £2, 01268 465854.

■ Singles Connection Friendship and Social Club, open evening at the Hayway for over 45s, Five Bells roundabout, Fobbing, 8.30pm, last Wednesday of every month. 07902 252758.

■ Barn Dance, Grand Ceilidh Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, live music, 8.30pm. 01702 553622.

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■ Breathing Exercise Group, run by Breathe Easy Basildon, Steeple View Memorial Hall, Wednesdays 1-2.30pm, if you have COPD or recently finished from Pulmonary rehabilitation call Honore 01268 574590 for further details.

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■ Afternoon Tea Dance, Richmond Hall, High Road, Benfleet, (entrance off Richmond Avenue), large free car park, every Wednesday 2-4.30pm, £4 per person, includes refreshments, strictly over 18's. 01268 752473.

■ Health Walk, Canvey Sea Wall, 10.30am, meet Labworth car park, Canvey Island, details 01702 318121.

■ Meeting, Alanon, International/Worldwide Support Group for families, wives, husbands, friends of alcoholics and other addictions, 1 Sutton Road, All Saints Church, Southchurch, Southend, Wednesdays 7.30pm, all welcome (non-denominational).

■ Pulse Drum Club, St David's Church Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, every Wednesday 3.45pm - 4.45pm, £3 per session. 01702 540111.

■ Over 50's session. Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Badminton and short mat bowls 2-4pm, £3.50 includes refreshments and use of equipment. 01268 773100.

■ Activity sessions, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, (term time only), for children with special needs aged 5-18, free admission, siblings welcome, details 01268 779100.

■ Palace Writers Group, every Wednesday 7.30pm, alternating venues with the Palace and Cliffs Pavilion, open mic events and public readings planned, further details Emily 01702 390472.

■ Meeting, Roche Art Group, St Teresa's Church Hall, located behind the Church, 109 Ashington Road, Rochford, Wednesdays 7.30-9.30pm, visitors welcome, details Gill 01702 421737.

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As well as freshly preparing an extensive range of traditional Indian cuisines, Kamrul also serves a variety of specialities and recommended dishes that will suit a range of tastes and mouth-watering cuisine includes Bombay sizzling tava, zinga delight and shashlik chicken masala.

Blue Chutney is not only the place to be to enjoy delicious food but it also the venue to enjoy a variety of entertainment including tribute nights. As well as The Blues Brothers Committed on Saturday, September 20, for £22.95, there will be nine fantastic evenings during the Christmas period. These includes vocalist Kerry Smith on Saturday, November 1, for £22.95; Scott Elvis as Elvis on Friday, November 29, for £23.95; vocalist Toni Lee on Friday, December 5, for £22.95; solo singer Loran on Saturday, December 6, for £22.95; Ciaran James as Michael Bublé on Friday, December 12, for £24.95; vocalist Saski on Saturday, December 13, for £22.95; solo singer Elicia on Friday, December 19, for £22.95; vocalist Miss Morgan on Saturday, December 20, for £22.95; and vocalist Andy Wood Mitchel on New Year's Eve for £34.95. All tribute nights include a delicious four-course set menu.

Alongside all this they will be serving a four-course banquet on Boxing Day for just £15.95 for adults and £9.50 for children under 10, which includes a Blue Chutney mixed platter for starters, followed by any dish of your choice



from the main menu (king prawn dishes £3.95 extra), any side dish, and rice or bread. A four-course vegetarian option and English dishes are also available, while the restaurant will also be open on New Year's Day as usual.

Throughout the year diners are invited to party at Blue Chutney thanks to its Drinks Promotion every Wednesday and Friday evening. Enjoy a starter, main course, side dish, rice or naan bread from the menu (king prawn £3.30 extra) as well as much drink as you want for one hour and 45 minutes. You must book your table in advance to enjoy this offer, which costs £20.95 per person on Wednesday and £24.95 on Fridays. Drinks include Cobra and Carling draught beer, wine by the glass, spirits – vodka, gin, brandy, and whisky – as well as Malibu, Baileys, Archers and soft drinks (excludes wines by the bottle and

champagne, terms and conditions apply).

On Sunday and Thursday there is a five-course banqueting night to enjoy which includes one starter, any one main course, one side dish and any one sundries, plus coffee, for only £9.95 on Sunday and £10.95 on Thursday. Again table booking is required.

The restaurant, which also offers a full take-away service with free local delivery, is open from noon to 2pm and from 5.30pm to 11pm, Monday to Thursday; from noon to 2pm and 5.30pm to 11.30pm on Friday and Saturday; and all day from 1pm to 10.30pm on Sunday.

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Many also make it their first choice for a range of occasions throughout the year as the restaurant and its staff go out of their way to make events extra special.

This Christmas it will also be the place to be for festive celebrations including parties and gatherings with family, friends and work colleagues. Anyone interested is urged to call for further information and book early to avoid disappointment.

The restaurant, which is run by owners who have worked for more than 43 years in the catering industry, prides itself on providing diners with outstanding service in comfortable surroundings that are completely different from the usual Indian theme.

Its chefs also pride themselves on ensuring diners enjoy top quality food so the restaurant's menu has a vast range of choices including its popular tandoori dishes, as well as its range of chef's special recommendations.

Shadhona special gourmet dishes include Hydrabadi chicken masala, marinated in mango and yoghurt sauce, chicken or lamb shatkoras slow cooked in a rare south Asian wild lemon shatkoras sauce and cooked to a dry finish, and chicken tikka paneer – cooked in a medium rich



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All of its menu offers outstanding value-for-money, particularly on its banquet nights, from Monday to Wednesday, which give diners the chance to enjoy anything from its vast menu for just £14.95.

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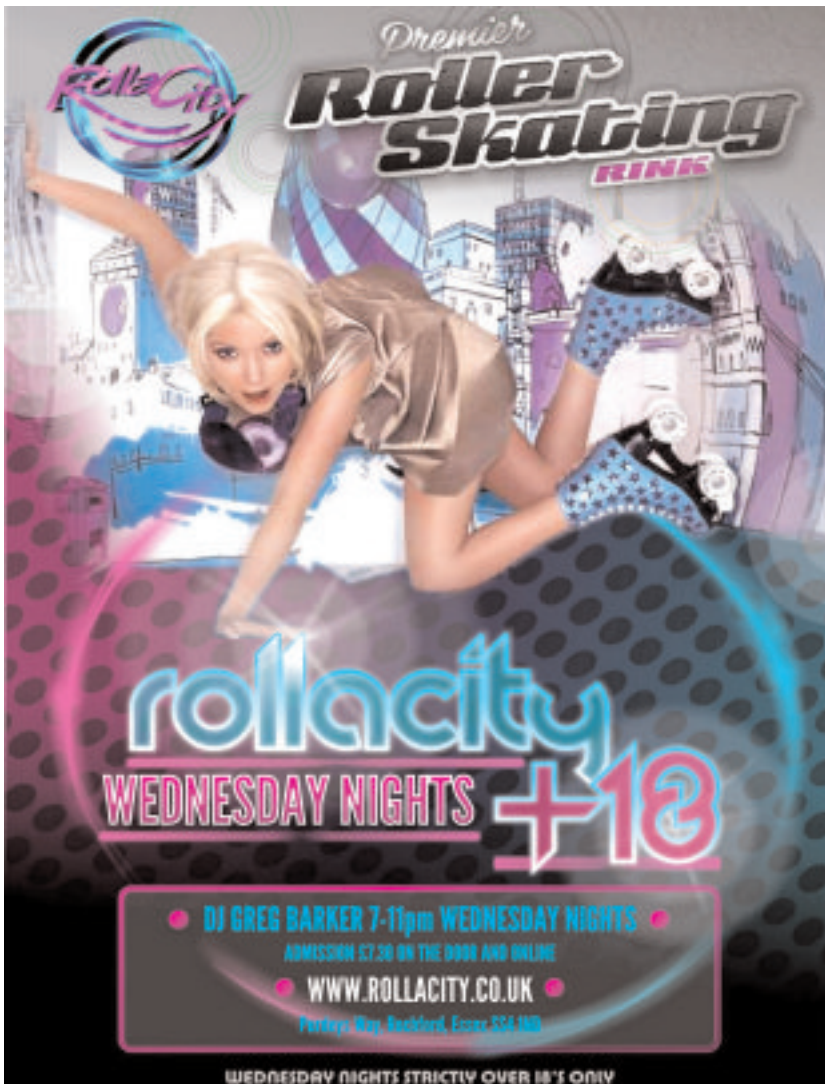
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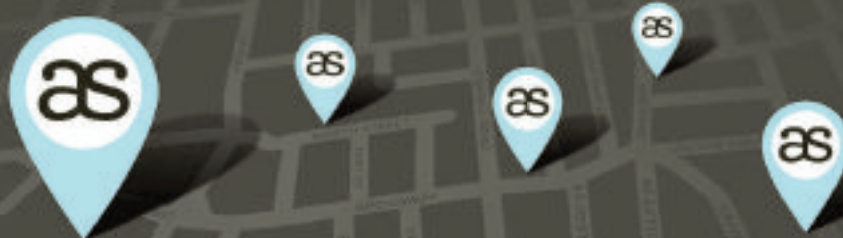
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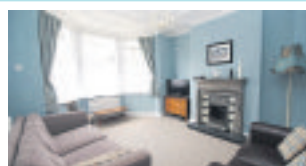
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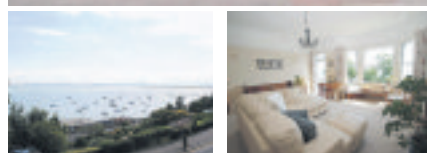
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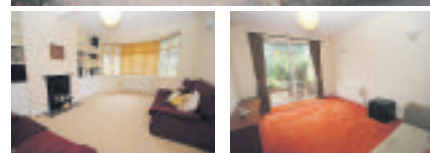
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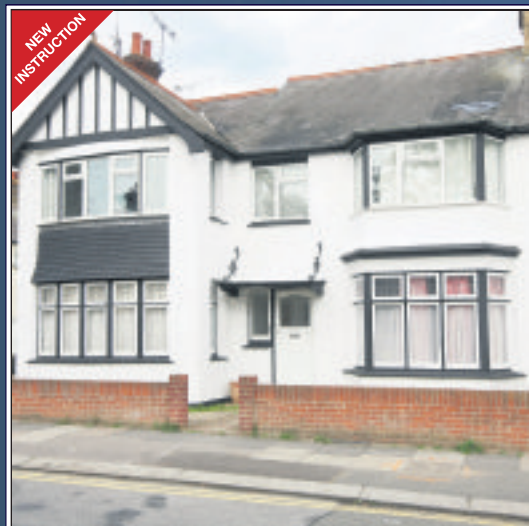
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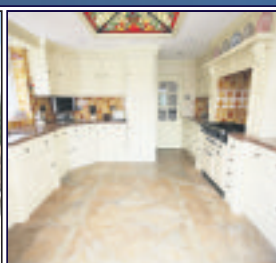
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Probate sale- Westcliff £425,000

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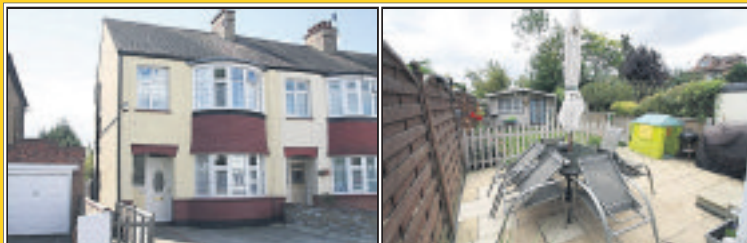


Ground floor flat, Marine Parade, Leigh £350,000

Two bedroom ground floor flat with garage and parking situated in a superb location walking distance of Leigh Broadway and Station. Estuary views from the front, two good size bedrooms, 24' Lounge/ Diner with Estuary view, 11'8 x 10' fitted kitchen, utility, Shower room and separate w.c. EXTREMELY RARE OPPORTUNITY !

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2 Bedroom flat, Southend £145,000

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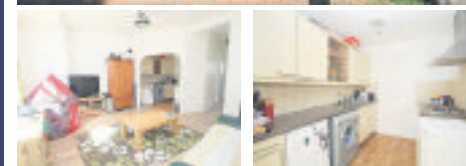
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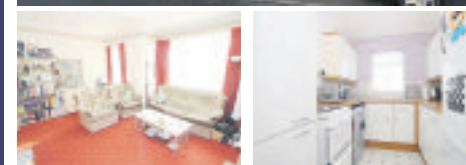
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In need of moderation and reconfiguration is this two bedroom semi detached chalet bungalow which backs onto open farmland benefiting from long, independent driveway to detached garage. Conveniently situated for Barling Magna Primary School and local bus routes. No onward chain. Ref: ETS4924



Southend-On-Sea £110,000

Offered with a new 99 year lease is this one bedroom ground floor flat which benefits from modern kitchen, uPVC double glazed windows, communal garden and parking. Convenient for Prittlewell station and town center. Currently let producing £5,700 p.a. Ref: ETS4920



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To be offered with a new lease is this spacious two double bedroom first floor flat with spacious lounge, fitted kitchen, modern shower room and double glazed windows. Conveniently situated for Southend town center, mainline stations and the seafront. EPC: E Ref: ETS4864

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Rochford £230,000

Three bedroom semi detached chalet style house which benefits from modern kitchen and bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas central heating, garage and off street parking. Convenient for Golden Cross shopping facilities and bus routes. No onward chain. Ref: ETS4926

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Rochford £205,000

A two bedroom semi detached bungalow situated in a popular location within easy access of local shops and bus routes. The property benefits from gas central heating and double glazing, off road parking and a garage, viewing essential.



Paglesham £129,995

house boat in full cruising order with a permanent mooring, the property is situated in the sought after village of Paglesham with far reaching views. The vessel is approximately 20 years old and benefits from a wood burner, fitted kitchen, bathroom and many more features.



Ashingdon £274,995

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Benfleet £249,950

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Ashingdon £274,995

A two / three bedroom spacious detached chalet situated in a sought after location, benefitting from an approximately 80ft south facing rear garden and garage with off road parking for several vehicle. Viewing advised, sole agents.



Rochford £214,995

2 bed semi house located in a central part of Rochford, a plot measuring approximately 27ft x 108ft with rear access via double opening gates. Internally the house benefits from two good size bedrooms, a 4 piece bathroom, modern fitted kitchen diner and lounge, upvc double glazing.



Ashingdon £255,000

3/4 bed semi detached house with a rear garden measuring approximately 120ft. The property has been extended and benefits from a large lounge with ground floor bedroom four / study, ground floor shower room, fitted kitchen, utility room, luxury bathroom suite and spacious reception hall.



Rochford £239,995

3/4 bed extended semi house, located within easy access to Rochford Square and mainline station. utility room, boot room and a kitchen diner and a Upvc double glazed conservatory, a g/f bathroom, g/f bathroom / dining room and rear garden with access to the front. Off road parking



Ashingdon £289,995

2 bed link detached bungalow, situated in a sought after location a modern shower room, two double bedrooms, a 15'2" modern fitted kitchen / diner, a 18'4" lounge leading to a Upvc double glazed conservatory (constructed in 2014), a spacious reception hall, a garage, ample off road parking.



Southend On Sea in excess of £240,000

4/5 bed semi detached chalet bungalow, spacious accommodation to include three good size ground floor bedrooms, a 4 piece bathroom, a separate WC, a spacious lounge / diner, a modern fitted kitchen plus 2 bedrooms on the 1st floor, off road parking and garage, double glazing.



Rochford £289,995

A spacious well maintained two bedroom detached bungalow situated on an established south facing plot, benefitting from an approximately 80ft rear, three reception rooms, fitted kitchen, modern bathroom, ample off road parking and detached garage, viewing essential.



South Fambridge £193,995

Located in a popular village setting is this three bedroom and terrace cottage. In need of some updating further benefits include two reception rooms, partial double glazing and ground floor bathroom. The property would make an ideal first or investment purchase.



Eastwood £465,000

4 bed detached family home with a large rear garden backing onto fields, the property benefits from a 22' lounge, 28' reception hall/dining room, ground floor cloakroom, and modern kitchen. On the first floor are four bedrooms and a family bathroom. an integral garage, off street parking.



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Southend On Sea £194,995

benefitting from a rear garden measuring approximately 90ft with side access, double glazed conservatory with a double glazed roof, a modern kitchen with integrated appliances, a wet room, a modern boiler and the bungalow has recently been re-wired. NO ONWARD CHAIN.



Rochford £369,995

4 bed situated close to Rochford town centre so is within distance to the mainline station, extended to the rear and has 3 reception rooms, one with bi fold doors leading onto and overlooking the garden. fitted kitchen, g/f cloakroom, family bathroom and an en suite to the master bedroom.



Rochford £229,995

3 bed house located in a convenient position with easy access of Rochford mainline station and Rochford square. the property does require updating but benefits from two reception rooms, double glazing, off road parking and a rear garden measuring approximately 85ft



Rochford £102,500

This One bed purpose built, first floor flat with off street parking, maintained to a good standard. The property is located close to Rochford town square and railway station. An ideal purchase for a first time buyer or buy to let investment. No onward chain.



Canewdon £214,995

3 bed semi refurbished family home set in the ever popular village of Canewdon. The property benefits from double glazing, a modern fitted kitchen diner, recently fitted white bathroom suite, off road parking and a garage, a new gas central heating system.



Eastwood £205,000

A two bedroom bungalow situated in a pleasant location benefitting from a garage and courtyard garden, the property has the added advantage of a 22'3" lounge / diner, shower room, fitted kitchen, lean to / conservatory and ample storage. No onward chain, viewing essential.



Ashingdon £284,995

detached house set in one of the most popular roads in Ashingdon. The property benefits from three bedrooms, an en suite to master bedroom, ground floor cloakroom, gas central heating, 18'9" lounge / diner, garage and off road parking and fitted kitchen.



Ashingdon £354,995

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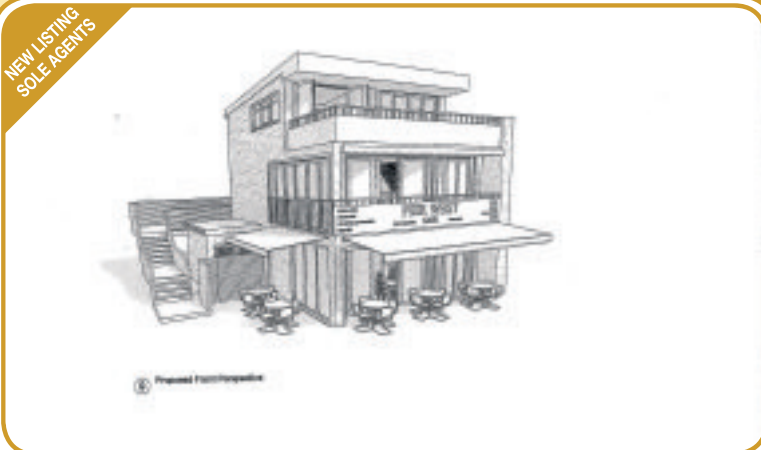
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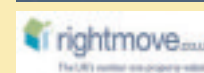
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Q. Is it true that estate agents have to belong to an ombudsman scheme, but lettings agents don't? And if so, why?

A. You're right. In October 2008, it was made compulsory for all estate agents to register with an officially authorised ombudsman scheme – but lettings and property management agents were indeed (if you'll pardon the pun) let off.

Precisely why this anomaly was created in the first place was never adequately explained by the powers-that-be, and indeed most responsible bodies within the industry have been calling for it to be removed ever since. After all, why should buyers and sellers enjoy access to a free, fair and independent complaints-handling system, but not landlords and tenants?

Still, the good news is that all this is, finally, about to change...

Up till now, while accepting the principle of a compulsory redress scheme for the lettings and property management sector, and stipulating that any such scheme must be impartial, easily accessible and free for complainants, the Government has nevertheless rather dragged its feet as far as actual implementation is concerned.

But not any more. The uncertainty is finally over. It has just been announced that the new compulsory ombudsman regime for the lettings sector will begin on October 1. If any firm is subsequently found not to be registered with one of the three official schemes, it will be liable for a fine of up to £5,000, with local councils' trading standards offices responsible for policing the law. The Government has also stipulated that full data about complaints received and dealt with must be published in the annual reports of the three schemes involved – the Property Redress Scheme, Ombudsman Services Property and The Property Ombudsman.

The aim of this move, which will undoubtedly be welcomed not only by the industry's main trade bodies but also by all reputable property professionals, is to provide a service of impartial dispute resolution when complaints are raised about letting or management agents – complaints which in the eyes of the person doing the complaining have not been dealt with satisfactorily by the firm concerned. What this means in practice is that as with existing schemes covering sales agents, you won't just be able to take your beef straight to the ombudsman, without first having exhausted the firm's own internal complaints handling procedures.

So, a rather more level playing field for landlords and tenants. And not before time.



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Is PAT Testing Compulsory for rental properties?

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Portable Appliance Tests or PATs are an electrical check carried out on 'movable' items such as kettles, microwaves, Hoovers, table lamps, toasters and coffee machines and many electricians will tell you they must be carried out before tenants move into a property.

Legally speaking this is not true. There is no law that says PAT checks must be carried out, something the government recently clarified.

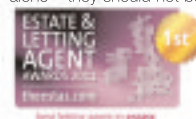
What the law does state is that all electrical equipment within a rental property must be safe to use and that it's the landlord's responsibility to ensure this before tenants move in and, equally, during the tenancy too.

Most experts, including those from the Electrical Safety Council, recommend landlords make a visual inspection of all the electrical appliances provided within each rented property so check cables aren't worn or that plugs are damaged. It is also recommended that any new items feature the 'CE' kite mark which is the manufacturer's claim that it meets all European safety legislation.

Whether you then decide to get all the items PAT checked is a matter of choice not law. But most experts agree that, if landlords want peace of mind, then the £50-£100 it will cost to get a qualified electrician in to complete PAT checks is worth it.

A visual examination is the most important factor, but if an item were to short and then catch fire then being able to prove that it had been PAT checked recently (every two years for smaller items and four years for larger ones) would help matters.

More importantly PAT checks may flag up potential problems before tenants move in but don't rely on them alone – they should not be completed instead of a visual check but rather as a back up.



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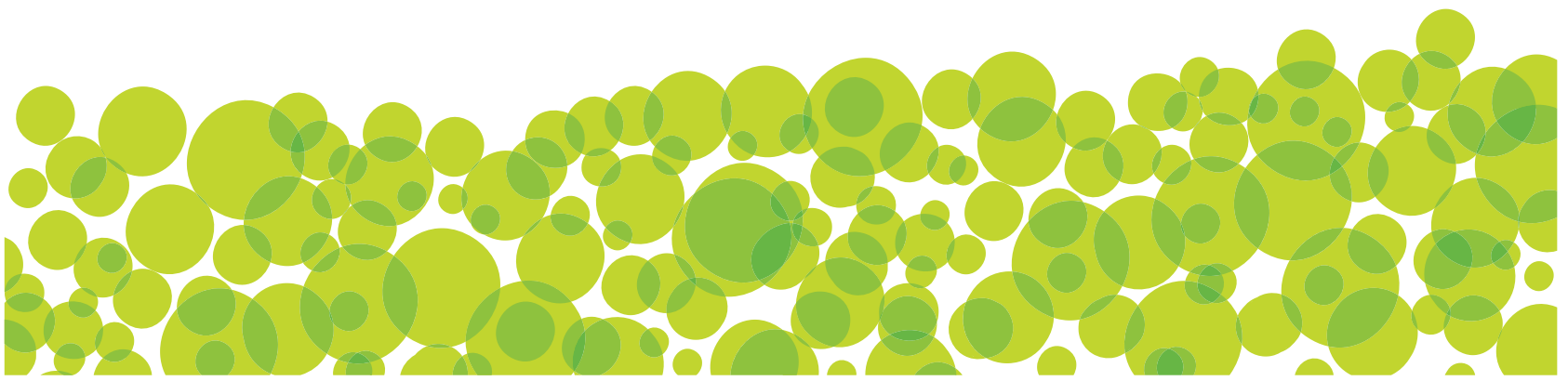
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Demand from buyers still high, says Connells

The number of home buyers looking for properties has increased by almost 50% in the first seven months of this year, according to figures from estate agency Connells. Its national network recorded a huge increase in those looking for a property while the supply of homes coming onto the market is still struggling to keep up with demand.

According to Connells's national figures, there are now seven buyers competing for every property which comes onto the market. These statistics are also playing out locally, with sellers heavily outnumbered by buyers. According to the local office this is pushing up house prices in and around Rayleigh in 2014 which is great news for anyone who has been thinking of selling their home.

"Both locally and nationally, the housing market is still dominated by home buyers searching for property," says Connells Branch Manager Christine Mahy (pictured).

She adds, "Because there aren't enough homes on the market to satisfy this demand we are seeing fierce competition amongst buyers for homes coming onto the market. I would urge anyone who has been thinking of selling and moving on to get in touch. It is likely one of our registered buyers is looking for a home like yours."

Connells national network has recorded an almost 10% increase in home sales in the first seven months of 2014 compared to last year.

"I hope we will see more properties coming onto the market for the busy autumn period as buyers and sellers look to finalise their home move before the end of the year," Christine continues.

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Drivetime

Nissan turns up heat with fire-breathing 370Z

By Mike Torpey

NISSAN has turned up the heat on its fiery Nismo line-up with the arrival of an updated 370Z version.

Following in the tracks of the flagship GT-R Nismo, the new 370Z heralds a raft of design and engineering upgrades and is the sportiest 370Z to date.

Due to hit the streets next month, the newcomer from Nissan Motorsports International has been extensively reworked to deliver a sharper and more engaging driving experience.

And with a bolder, more powerful new look, it has even greater kerb appeal.

The front bumper has been completely redesigned and features a larger air intake, additional air inlets ahead of the wheel arch and new LED daytime running lights.

Other updates include the introduction of black headlamp bezels, special red Nismo trim at the base of the bumper, redesigned side sill and door mirror and special Nismo badging.

The revised Z car also features new 19-inch Rays alloy wheels

finished in black and silver.

At the rear, the new version features a smaller spoiler that works in tandem with the new front bumper to create significantly more downforce when driving at speed.

And Nissan says the force is more evenly distributed over the front and rear axles, giving a more balanced feeling on the road.

Inside, the seats are based on the Recaro Sportster and have been tailored specifically for use in the 370Z Nismo and are trimmed in red and black leather and Alcantara to match the steering wheel.

Available only as a coupe with a six-speed manual gearbox, the car is powered by a 344PS, 3.7-litre six-cylinder engine capable of 0-62mph in 5.2 seconds and has a dual exhaust system.

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Motoring News

MG looks to next 90 years

By Enda Mullen

DEVOTION to a famous British brand which started out 90 years ago showed no sign of abating when an estimated 15,000 people gathered to celebrate MG's special birthday.

The event, organised by the MG Car Club, saw around 6,000 cars gather over the course of the two-day celebration at the Silverstone racing circuit in Northamptonshire.

The club, which was founded in 1930, organises just such a gathering every year, but this year's 90th anniversary event had added significance.

MG Motor was backing the event too, offering MG fans the opportunity to go on an interactive journey with 'MG Motor: The Next Ninety Years' - taking them behind the scenes of the company and offering a glimpse into its future.

The annual event sees MG owners from around the world gathering to show off their heritage cars spanning the whole of MG's 90-year history.

This year the MG Car Club organised a special timeline featuring models from every stage of the car-maker's history.

The famous MG initials were chosen by Cecil



VINTAGE LINE: MG celebrates a special birthday

Kimber, the founder of MG, who chose them as a "nod" to William Morris, his employer, and the owner of Morris Garages.

The first cars which were rebodied Morris models used coachwork from Carbodies of Coventry and were built in premises in Alfred Lane, Oxford.

A few years later, in 1924, Kimber designed the 14/28 Super Sports model, the first true MG, and the car that premiered the octagonal logo. The firm soon became known for its "affordable performance" cars.

After operating from a number of homes in and around Oxford MG moved to its permanent home in Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

The first MGs built in Birmingham at Longbridge were the MG1100/1300 family in 1962 and MG models were also produced in Cowley in Oxford.

MG built its millionth car, an MGB, in 1975.

Over the course of its history it became part of Morris Motors, BMC, British Leyland and BAE, before being bought by BMW in 1994.

In April 2005 MG Rover Group was formed following separation from the BMW Group and production of the MG TF began.

In April 2005 MG Rover Group entered administration and the brand was purchased by NAC, which later merged with SAIC's largest car maker SAIC.

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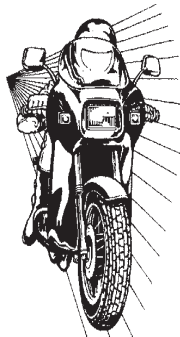
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Southend United

Plymouth 2 Southend United 0 By Rowland Lyons at Home Park

SOUTHEND'S unbeaten away run was ended after they were sunk by two-second half goals from Lewis Alessandra and Reuben Reid at mid-table Argyle last Saturday.

But, the Blues were forced to play 75 minutes with ten men due to Ciaran Bolger's dismissal for two yellow cards.

Despite having already been booked and given a reprieve for two further poor tackles, Bolger got his marching orders after referee, Brendan Malone lost patience.

Forced to regroup, schemer Kevan Hurst was sacrificed for stopper, Adam Thompson - who - within four minutes of entering the fray - was unlucky not to win a penalty after being clearly baulked by Marvin Morgan. To add insult to injury, the referee was about to whistle for a foul, only to be overruled by his assistant.

Southend seemed to adapt better than their hosts and on 33 minutes the overlapping skipper, John White, forced Kelvin Mellor into a desperate clearance.

Plymouth then had the Shrimpers under the cosh, shortly before the break, with Daniel Bentley doing well to deny Jason Banton and Carl McHugh.

Argyle were quick out of the blocks after the interval and got their goal after 52 minutes when Alessandra netted when Mellor squared after beating Luke Prosser and Ryan Leonard.

SHRIMPERS SUNK AT ARGYLE

Having then kept out McHugh's header with a world-class save, Bentley got his angles totally wrong and allowed Reid's 68th minute down header to creep home.

The tiring Shrimpers offered little in reply, although sub, Shaquille Coulthirst, at least forced the under-worked Luke McCormick into a smart 74th minute save, before Will Atkinson sliced a half-chance wide, to leave boss, Phil Brown, admitting: "A supporter asked me why I hadn't taken Bolger off - but once he had committed a third foul it was too late. But, he has to realize that this is a physical division.

"However, I was proud with the performance. The lads really dug in. We did cause them problems early on, but didn't create enough chances

and didn't work their keeper enough."

Brown bemoaned the penalty that never was: "When [Argyle's] Marvin Morgan admits it was a penalty - okay - it's easily said - but why wouldn't the ref give a penalty if the linesman has? And, then [at the end] it's a second yellow card for Hartley and he books someone else. It completely bewildered me how he [the ref] managed to officiate the game. I think if had remained 11 versus 11, we would have won the game'.

Argyle manager, John Sheridan, added: "It was a difficult game today and we played 90 minutes against one of the best teams in the division. I was very pleased with the way we went about the game - and to win two-nil is a just reward.

"The sending-off obviously changes the way you play - but the disappointing thing is that we didn't open them up straight away - as with the ten men, I thought they were the better team.

"We made a change at the break, made them chase the ball and to get the two goals and see the game through - keeping a clean sheet, too - is pleasing."

Plymouth Argyle: Luke McCormick, Kelvin Mellor, Curtis Nelson (captain), Peter Hartley, Carl McHugh, Lewis Alessandra, Anthony O'Connor, Lee Cox (Tyler Harvey 71), Jason Banton (Nathan Thomas 86), Reuben Reid, Marvin Morgan.

Southend United: Daniel Bentley, John White, Ciaran Bolger (sent-off 15 mins) Luke Prosser, Ben Coker, Kevan Hurst (Adam Thompson 16), Conor Clifford, Ryan Leonard, Will Atkinson, Barry Corr (Shaquille Coulthirst 64), Myles Weston (David Worrall 76).

Non-league round-up

Clubs up for the cup

by Brian Jeeves

IT was a case of Wembley dreams and nightmares as many of the regions non-league clubs competed for a place in the first qualifying round of the FA Cup.

Goals from Billy Coyne and Theo Ola saw Avelley home 2-0 against a spirited Basildon United side, while a dramatic stoppage time strike by Luke Wilson was enough to see Bowers & Pitsea see off Colney Heath by a goal to nil. Barkingside hammered Wivenhoe Town by five without reply and a late Courtney White goal saw Brentwood Town progress at the expense of Potters Bar Town.

There was a big win for Romford who won 4-0 at St Margaretsbury thanks to goals from Seymour, Imbert, Reynold and Barry, and Thurrock also won away, beating Cheshunt by a single goal.

Benjamin Hunt found the net for Tilbury, but the Dockers and opponents Codicote will have to try again after they played out a tense 1-1 draw.

But there was disappointment for some of our other clubs, who for this season, the Wembley dream is over. Maldon & Tiptree went down 2-1 at home to London Colney and there was a 3-1 home defeat for Burnham Ramblers against Hadleigh United.

Southend Manor crashed out 4-1 at Tower Hamlets, Edison Teberen, Cody Cameron and a brace from Tope Okeowo were on target for the home side, Rhys Fatt with a consolation for the Seaside. And Great Woking Rovers difficult start to the season showed no sign of subsiding as they went down 3-2 at Hertford Town, Jay Nash twice on target for the Rovers. But there was better news for Great Woking supporters, after the club advertised free admission for this Saturday's Ryman League One North game with Cray Wanderers at Burroughs Park. The gesture is in support of Non-league day and to highlight the "Kick it Out" campaign.

In the Vanarama Conference Premier, second half goals from Davis and Sparkes helped Braintree Town to a 2-0 win at Alfreton Town, but in the South Division Chelmsford City had a difficult afternoon, going down 3-1 at the Melbourne Stadium to Staines Town, Glen Southam on target for the Clarets. And Concord Rangers picked up a point as the Beach Boys game with Gosport Borough finishes scoreless.

In the Ryman Premier Division Billericay Town edged home 2-1 against Dulwich Hamlet, Steve Sheehan and Seedy Njie finding the net for the New Lodge outfit. Town also announced the signing of former Norwich City and Dagenham & Redbridge man Nathan Ferguson as manager Craig Edwards continues to shape his squad.

Mitchell Gilbey gave East Thurrock United a half time lead against Harrow Borough, but the visitors hit back to take the points 3-1. Witham Town went down 2-0 at VDC Athletic while Canvey Island felt the full force of Maidstone United who won 5-2 at the Gallagher Stadium in front of an impressive 1,511 crowd. Victor Osubu and Rob Bartley scoring late on for the Gulls.

Big winners in the Essex Senior League were Clapton, who thrashed Newham 6-0 at the Old Spotted Dog, Fahad Nyanja grabbing a hat trick for the Tons. Meanwhile in the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League Division One, Old Southendian began life under new manager Altan Ali with a thrilling 3-3 draw with Hutton.

Ton up for 5k park run

Running

THE ever-popular Southend parkrun ran its 100th race at the weekend.

The five kilometre run which takes place every Saturday in Gunners Park, Shoebury is organised by volunteers and is part of a network that arranges free weekly runs all over the world.

Parkrun UK attracts a wide range of competitors, from club athletes to fun runners. Their target is to host an event in any community that show's interest and is supported by sponsorship.

Southend park run regularly attracts more than 200 participants. To celebrate its notable milestone many runners chose to wear themed fancy-dress.

Alex Thornton, Event Director said: "It was fantastic to see so many people celebrating the 100th Southend parkrun this morning and entering into the spirit of the Black Tie fancy dress theme."

Thornton added "It's testament to the power of the parkrun community that over 250 men, women, children and dogs were more than happy to run round Gunners Park dressed in bow ties and fancy frocks - not a sight you see very often! Here's to the next 100 runs."

Regular runner Kathy Shore said: "I had a wonderful run in my ballgown and thankfully the weather was very kind."

AmD look to capitalise on success

Motor Racing

THE AmDTuning.com team will aim to build on the success it enjoyed at Knockhill when the Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship season continues at Rockingham this weekend.

The West Thurrock-based team secured a stunning first podium finish in the series during the Scottish event, with Inverness racer Dave Newsham producing his most impressive performance of the season to bring his Ford Focus home in second place in race three.

It capped an impressive weekend on track after two earlier top ten finishes, with Dave's performance being made all the more remarkable given that it came just days after the death of his mother - to whom he dedicated his results.

With the team having come of age during the seventh round of the season, Dave will now seek to impress again when the championship heads for Rockingham and the first of back-to-back events in Northants.

Boosted by his first podium of the campaign, Dave heads into the event in confident mood and will hope to add to his impressive Knockhill points haul to make further progress up the championship standings.

"The podium at Knockhill was a massive result for us," he said.



Dave Newsham in action in the AmD Focus

"We showed the pace we have in the car, and to run at the front and keep [championship leader] Colin Turkington at bay was a huge boost.

"We're heading for Rockingham in high spirits as a result, and I'm hopeful we can have another strong weekend. It's a circuit I enjoy and one that should suit the Focus.

"Knockhill showed how important it is to stay out of trouble and while I don't think we'll have the pace to qualify at the front, we'll aim to chip away at it during the races and work our way forwards as we did in Scotland.

"My confidence is on a high and

I can't wait to get back in the car."

Team boss Shaun Hollamby meanwhile said he was keen for the AmDTuning.com team to again show what it is capable of when it hits the track in Corby.

"Knockhill was the kind of weekend we've been waiting for all season, and gives a real idea of what the team is capable of," he said.

"The aim now is to try and repeat that at Rockingham. Although the circuit is very different to Knockhill, we're confident that the work we've carried out on the Focus will allow us to run towards the top ten."

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